

Table 1.4: Demographic Characteristics, Health Status, and Cognitive Functioning for All Eligible Women and According to Participation Status in Baseline Assessment^{1,2}

Demographics; Health and Cognitive Status ³	Total Eligible		Participated		Did Not Participate	
	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent
Total	1409	100.0	1002	100.0	407	100.0
Age						
65-74	506	35.9	388	38.7	118	29.0
75-84	434	30.8	311	31.0	123	30.2
85+	469	33.3	303	30.2	166	40.8
Race						
Black	366	26.0	284	28.3	82	20.1
White	1037	73.6	713	71.2	324	79.6
Other	6	0.4	5	0.5	1	0.2
Years of education ⁴						
0-8	611	43.7	432	43.3	179	44.9
9-11	260	18.6	175	17.5	84	21.1
12	229	16.4	178	17.8	85	21.3
More than 12	297	21.3	213	21.3	51	12.8
Income ⁵						
Less than \$6,000	220	15.6	171	17.1	49	12.0
\$6,000-7,999	222	15.8	169	16.9	53	13.0
\$8,000-9,999	140	9.9	98	9.8	42	10.3
\$10,000-14,999	192	13.6	140	14.0	52	12.8
\$15,000-24,999	173	12.3	144	14.4	29	7.1
\$25,000-34,999	80	5.7	66	6.6	14	3.4
\$35,000 or more	100	7.1	73	7.3	27	6.6
Unknown/refused	282	20.0	141	14.1	141	34.6
Marital status ⁶						
Married	299	21.2	212	21.2	87	21.4
Widowed	870	61.8	614	61.3	256	62.9
Separated	34	2.4	27	2.7	7	1.7
Divorced	89	6.3	71	7.1	18	4.4
Never married	116	8.2	77	7.7	39	9.6
At the present time, would you say that your health is . . . ?						
Excellent	59	4.2	40	4.0	19	4.7
Very good	203	14.5	145	14.5	58	14.3
Good	430	30.6	300	30.1	130	32.0
Fair	477	34.0	339	34.0	138	34.0
Poor	235	16.7	174	17.4	61	15.0
	N	Mean (Range)	N	Mean (Range)	N	Mean (Range)
Mini-Mental State Examination Score ⁷	1404	26.2 (18-30)	1002	26.4 (18-30)	402	25.7 (18-30)

(Women's Health and Aging Study, screening interview, 1992-1995)

¹ All variables except income have less than 1% missing data. For these variables results are based on non-missing data.

² Percents and means are based on unweighted data.

³ Categories for each item may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

⁴ What is the highest grade in school or year of college that you completed?

⁵ What was your household's total income from all sources, before taxes in [PREVIOUS YEAR]? Social Security, retirement income, job earnings, public assistance, help from relatives, rent from property, and any other income should be included. (If the subject did not know or refused to respond, she was shown a card with income ranges and asked to pick a range.)

⁶ Are you now married, or are you widowed, separated, divorced, or have you never been married?

⁷ Folstein MF, Folstein SE, McHugh PR. (1975). 'Mini-Mental State.' A practical method for grading the cognitive state of patients for the clinician. J Psychiatr Res 12:189-98.